

SENATE BILL NO. 329

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CLARIFYING THE STATE'S ROLE IN PROMOTING
"MADE-IN-MONTANA" PRODUCTS; AND AMENDING SECTION 90-1-105, MCA."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 90-1-105, MCA, is amended to read:

"90-1-105. Functions of department of commerce -- economic development. The department of
commerce shall:

(1) provide coordinating services to aid state and local groups and Indian tribal governments in the
promotion of new economic enterprises and conduct publicity and promotional activities in connection with new
economic enterprises;

(2) collect and disseminate information regarding the advantages of developing agricultural,
recreational, commercial, and industrial enterprises within this state;

(3) serve as ~~the state's~~ an official state liaison between persons interested in locating new economic
enterprises in Montana and state and local groups and Indian tribal governments seeking new enterprises;

(4) aid communities and Indian tribal governments interested in obtaining new business or expanding
existing business;

(5) (a) study and promote means of expanding markets for Montana products; and

(b) provide training and assistance for Montana small businesses and entrepreneurs to expand markets
for made-in-Montana products;

(6) encourage and coordinate public and private agencies or bodies in publicizing the facilities and
attractions of the state;

(7) explore the use of cooperative agreements, as provided in Title 18, chapter 11, part 1, for the
promotion and enhancement of economic opportunities on the state's Indian reservations; and

(8) assist the state-tribal economic development commission established in 90-1-131 in:

(a) identifying federal government and private sector funding sources for economic development on
Indian reservations in Montana; and

1 (b) fostering and providing assistance to prepare, develop, and implement cooperative agreements,
2 in accordance with Title 18, chapter 11, part 1, with each of the tribal governments in Montana. (Subsection (8)
3 terminates June 30, 2005--sec. 5, Ch. 69, L. 2001.)"

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